(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it would deepen the gap between the rich and the poor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to minimize this gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARISELJA): (a) to (d)The prices of some commodities seem to have gone up in the recent past which may affect the urban poor. In order to have direct attack on the proverty in urban areas, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing an Employment-oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since 1.12.1997. The scheme strives for providing self-employment to urban poor living below the poverty line through setting up of micro-enterprises and also through provision of wage employment by utilizing the labour of urban poor in construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

Grants to Prasar Bharati

2941. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the grants Government are providing to the Prasar Bharati, Doordarshan annually since last three years, and whether Prasar Bharati is incapable to generate its own revenue;

(b) if so, the problems thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government are going to take for making Prasar Bharati independent and competitive Prasar Bharati?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Government is providing grants to Prasar Bharati as a whole and not to Doordarshan separately. During the last 3 years, details of grants provided to Prasar Bharati are given below:

Year	Amount in crores
2003-04	1001.47
2004-05	1010.78
2005-06	1078.02

Prasar Bharati is not running purely on commercial basis. The earning of commercial revenue is not the only objective of the organization but is

only incidental to its activities. During the last three years, the revenue generation by Prasar Bharati is given below:

Year	Amount in crores
2003-04	569.79
2004-05	718.10
2005-06	1064.83

(c) A Committee was constituted on 30/3/2005 by the Government under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Information and Broadcasting for suggesting a viable capital and financial structure for Prasar Bharati to strengthen its functioning. The Committee has dealt and deliberated on the restructuring options available and submitted its Report to the Government. Its Recommendations are current!'/ before the Group of Ministers (GcM) constituted by the Government to examine various issues pertaining to *the* functioning of Prasar Bharati.

Enhancing the capacity of low power transmission centres in Chhattisgarh

2942. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(c) the places and the time since the very low power transmission centres of Doordarshan have been established in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the total number and the names of such centres set up earlier, whose transmission capacity has been enhanced;

(c) by when the capacity of remaining transmission centres is proposed to be enhanced;and

(d) the details of the action being taken to enhance capacity of very low transmission centre set up in Jashpur District Head Quarters (Chhattisgarh)?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI) (a) The very low power transmitters (VLPTs) functioning in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh alongwith their date of commissioning are given at the Statement (See below).

(b) No VLPT in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh has been upgraded to LPT/HPT